

**Minutes of Citizen's Advisory Commission on Civil Defense Meeting
Department of Emergency Management EOC
Thursday, August 8, 2019:**

CALL TO ORDER: Chair Jerald Dolak called the meeting to order at 10:01 a.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Vice Chair Joseph Miller, Commissioner Richard Peterson, and Commissioner Glenna Wong

IN ATTENDANCE: TA Deputy Director Robert Harter, Public Information Officer (PIO) John Cummings (DEM), AmeriCorps Vista Avielia Weltman, and Cori Yamada

1. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF June 13, 2019

- a. Chair Jerald Dolak moved to approve the minutes of June 13, 2019; Vice Chair Miller seconded, there being no comments or corrections the minutes were approved as adopted.

2. STAFFING UPDATE:

- a. TA Deputy Director Harter informed the commissioners that the Department of Emergency Management (DEM) will be welcoming a new Deputy Director Jennifer Walter into the department as of August 13, 2019.
- b. TA Deputy Director Harter mentioned that Deputy Director Jennifer Walter has been with Hawaii Emergency Management for the past 4 years.

3. PUBLIC SERVICE ANNOUNCEMENT (KDNI, iHEART RADIO):

- a. PIO Cummings mentioned that iHeart Radio partners with the Red Cross and they provide public service announcements. Right now they have a 30 second script that they have running through November 2019.
- b. KDNI provides basic messages for emergency preparedness in different languages to reach out to the non english speaking population.
- c. Chair Dolak asked how KDNI gets the messages out to the different communities?
- d. PIO Cummings explained that during different hours of the day they feature different languages.
- e. Avielia also mentioned that if there is an emergency announcement, KDNI will continuously rotate and repeat the message in different languages.
- f. Commissioner Wong suggested that when the new DEM website is launched, PIO Cummings should request for KDNI to do announcements to let the community know.

4. DEM Website Preview:

- a. Cummings and Weltman showed the commissioners the new and improved DEM website.

- b. Weltman communicated to the commissioners that the two main focuses for the website are to simplify and make the site more user friendly, as well as, update the site to have a cleaner and more consistent look throughout the site.
- c. Weltman pointed out to the commissioners that the website provides preparedness resources in nine different languages.
- d. Weltman also used the Tsunami tab to demonstrate to the commissioners how simple it is to navigate through the website.
- e. Commissioner Peterson asked what the role of the website is for recovery efforts after a disaster.
- f. Weltman explained that they haven't started on that phase yet, but mentioned that there are information boxes on bottom of the homepage that could be updated to focus communicate information about an upcoming storm, as well as information for recovery efforts following a disaster.
- g. Weltman showed the commissioners the CERT page on the new site. Registration for CERT is now on Eventbrite, which is a website that makes the registration process fully online. Since going live with the Eventbrite pages for September, October, and November CERT classes, registration numbers have increased greatly.
- h. Chair Dolak along with Commissioners Wong and Peterson expressed how much they really liked the updated website.
- i. Commissioner Wong requested to be notified when the website goes live
- j. Cummings reassured Commissioner Wong that she would be notified once the site is live.

5. COMMISSIONERS REPORT:

- a. None

6. ANNOUNCEMENT:

- a. The next Commission meeting will be held on Thursday, October 10, at 10 a.m. in the DEM EOC.

7. ADJOURNMENT:

- a. No other business, Chair Dolak moved and Commissioner Miller seconded that the Commission end its meeting. It was adjourned at 10:52 a.m.